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SUBJECT: ECAFE: VISIT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. SUMMARY. ECAFE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARAMIS SPENT VERY USEFUL TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON CHIEFLY MAKING WIDE RANGE OF USG OFFICIALS AWARE OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS LISTENING TO OUR INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS. IT WAS CLEAR AT END THAT WE SHARE IMPORTANT AREAS OF CONCERN, THAT USG WILLING CONSIDER ECAFE ASSISTANCE REQUESTS IN THOSE AREAS, AND THAT MARAMIS WILL UNDERTAKE TO PRESENT SUCH PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

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2. J.B.P. MARAMIS, THE NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF UN'S

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (ECAFE), SPENT NOVEMBER 7 - 9 IN WASHINGTON, CHIEFLY WITH USG OFFICIALS. VISIT WAS NOTABLE AS FIRST SUCH OCCASION FOR AN ECAFE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY IN SOME 12-15 YEARS. IT WAS, THUS, DEVOTED CHIEFLY TO BECOMING ACQUAINTED AND TO USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ABOUT INTERESTS AND PROBLEMS OF ECAFE AND USG. VISIT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY SUCCESSFUL OPENING FOR FURTHER EXCHANGES IN AREAS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, POPULATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES WHERE OUR INTERESTS ARE CLOSE.

3. MARAMIS' MAIN EMPHASIS MADE THROUGHOUT THE VISIT WAS ON NEW DIRECTIONS HE IS BEGINNING FOR ECAFE. IMPLICIT IN THESE COMMENTS WAS CRITICISM OF BOTH HIS PREDECESSOR AND ECAFE SECRETARIAT. MARAMIS' MAJOR LONG RUN NEW INITIATIVE INVOLVES ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICY ASSESSMENT GROUP OF FOUR "WISE MEN" TO PREPARE FOR HIM BY MARCH 1974 GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ASIAN DEVELOPMENT AND ECAFE'S ROLE IN IT. ON MORE CURRENT LEVEL, HE IS ALSO PUSHING AHEAD WITH "RATIONALIZATION" PROJECT AIMED AT STREAM-LINING ECAFE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE, MEETINGS, DOCUMENTATION AND RELATED PROCEDURES. HE ALSO PLANS A CONCENTRATION ON KEY AREAS OF COMMISSION'S WORK PROGRAM AND A NUMBER OF MAJOR SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL CHANGES. MARAMIS PROMISED THAT AT LEAST BROAD OUTLINES OF HIS INITIATIVES WOULD BE READY FOR PRESENTATION TO SPRING 1974 PLENARY SESSION AND DETAILED ACTIONS FOR FOLLOWING YEAR. HE LEFT BEHIND CLEAR IMPRESSION OF MAN WHO IS BEGINNING TO REVITALIZE AN ORGANIZATION WHICH HAS BECOME TOO SET IN ITS WAYS. GOOD EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS HIS STATEMENT THAT HE HAD COLLECTED TOTAL OF \$125,000 IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DUTCH AND JAPANESE NEEDED TO FINANCE "WISE MEN" PROJECT WITHIN THREE WEEKS.

4. MARAMIS, IN DISCUSSING NEW DIRECTIONS, ALSO MADE CLEAR THE SUBSTANTIVE AREAS WHICH HE CONSIDERS MOST IMPORTANT FOR ECAFE ACTIVITIES. THESE INCLUDE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE, POPULATION AND GENERAL TRAINING. HE NOTED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE WANTS TO BREAK AWAY FROM HIS PREDECESSOR'S PREFERENCE FOR FULL REGIONAL PROJECTS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS OPPOSED TO SUB-REGIONAL ONES. MARAMIS PLANS NEW INITIATIVES IN LATTER FIELD.

5. ON MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS OF INTEREST, MARAMIS DOUBTED IF PRC WOULD BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN ECAFE UNTIL AFTER COMMISSION'S NEXT PLENARY SESSION. HE HAS INVITED EEC TO ECAFE MEETINGS AND TO WORK WITH SECRETARIAT ON CERTAIN PROJECTS.

6. IN REPLYING TO MARAMIS' PRESENTATION AND MAKING OUR OWN POINTS, WE NOTED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS OUR PLEASURE WITH THE VIGOR HE HAS SHOWN SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE AND WITH RATIONALIZATION PROJECT. WE ASSURED HIM USG PLANS TO CONTINUE COOPERATION WITH ECAFE. WE DID, ALSO, EXPLAIN SOME OF OUR PROBLEMS WITH ECAFE'S LENGTHY MEETINGS,

COMMISSION'S TENDENCY TO BE DOMINATED UNNECESSARILY BY SECRETARIAT AND FACT MANY OF ECAFE'S ACTIVITIES ARE CARRY-OVERS FROM PAST RATHER THAN ATTEMPTS TO WORK ON PROBLEMS OF 1970'S.

7. IN LOOKING AT FUTURE, WE SUGGESTED THAT ECAFE, ALONG WITH OTHER REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, SHOULD WORK OUT CLOSER COORDINATING RELATIONSHIPS WITH UNDP FIELD REPS AND UNDP HEADQUARTERS. WE TOLD MARAMIS WE CONSIDERING PROPOSING RESOLUTION AT UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR COMMISSIONS TO BE UNDP EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR CERTAIN REGIONAL PROJECTS.

8. IN REPLY TO MARAMIS' QUESTION ABOUT WHAT ECAFE COULD DO IN INDO-CHINA RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS, WE SUGGESTED THAT MOST REALISTICALLY IT SHOULD CONSIDER UNDERTAKING SMALL PROJECTS, SUM TOTAL OF WHICH COULD BE VERY HELPFUL. WE SUGGESTED THAT MARAMIS TELL IBRD, ADB AND PRC OF HIS DESIRE TO HELP IN INDO-CHINA.

9. FROM BRIEFINGS WE PRESENTED, MARAMIS GOT GOOD PICTURE OF OUR INTERESTS IN POPULATION AND AGRICULTURE AND HE SEEMED ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED AT RANGE OF US INTERESTS RELATED TO ECAFE NATURAL RESOURCES ACTIVITIES.

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10. TO MARAMIS' QUESTIONS ABOUT POSSIBLE USG FINANCIAL HELP FOR SPECIFIC ECAFE PROJECTS, WE EXPLAINED OUR USUAL PROBLEMS WITH SUCH MATTERS. WE DID, HOWEVER, STATE WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXAMINE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. THE AID ADMINISTRATOR NOTED HIS SPECIAL INTEREST IN MULTILATERAL APPROACH TO ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS. ALSO TO MARAMIS' QUESTIONS, WE REPLIED WE WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR HELP IN QUESTIONS RAISED BY "WISE MEN" AND IN POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT OF US AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTERS IN EQUIVALENT ECAFE UNDERTAKINGS.

11. MARAMIS DEPARTED OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH HIS INTRODUCTION TO WASHINGTON BUREAUCRACY.

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